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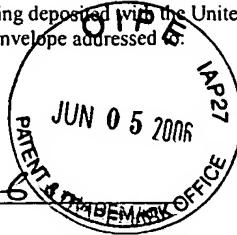
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Application No.: 10/661,154

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For: STORAGE SYSTEM, AND
METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE
SAME

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Examiner: Eron J. Sorrell

Art Unit: 2182

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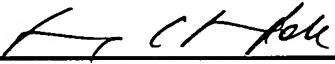
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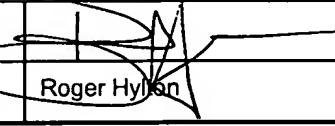
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